

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 is being amended to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112 by clarifying that the invention claimed is directed to inspecting images for system blemishes and masking said system blemishes. Independent claim 47 is being amended to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. 112 by clarifying that the invention claimed is directed to acquiring and inspecting images of an article. Support for these amendments is found, at least, at ¶067 and fig. 2. Accordingly, no new matter is being added.

Claim 55 is being amended to correct grammatical errors. No new matter is being added.

As amended, independent claims 1 and 47, and their respective dependent claims 2-11 and 48-58, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112.

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